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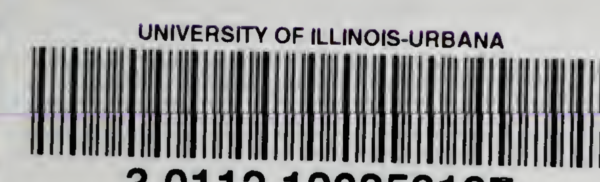


Domestic Violence

Prevention and Intervention Programs

All people should be safe from harm.







Why care about domestic violence?

- It can happen to anyone - regardless of their age, race, gender, education, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, physical ability, status or money.
- It happens most often to women.
- A women is abused every nine seconds in this country.
- A child who grows up in a violent home is more likely to abuse others or to become a victim as an adult.
- Approximately one in five female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- The cost of domestic violence is high. According to the Bureau of National Affairs, businesses lose three to five billion dollars annually from increased health care costs, absenteeism and loss productivity due to domestic violence.
- It is a CRIME.

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What kind of help is available?

Services

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) funds multi-service domestic violence programs throughout the state.
The state-funded programs provide:

- 24-hour crisis hotline to provide support, information and referral;
- counseling and advocacy;
- help in seeking legal remedies such as orders of protection and court advocacy;
- children's services;
- shelter.

There is no charge for domestic violence victim services.

Help is completely confidential.

To locate a domestic violence provider call:

Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) *voice*
1-800-787-3224 *TTY*

or contact an IDHS funded provider.

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It is everyone's business.

Prevention

Community Outreach

Domestic violence programs provide prevention services such as anti-violence programs in schools, professional training to health care professionals and law enforcement and media outreach/campaigns.

Partner Abuse Intervention

IDHS also funds Partner Abuse Intervention Programs throughout the state.
The programs work to reduce and prevent domestic violence. They offer education to help abusers:

- understand the behaviors that lead to violence;
- take responsibility for their actions, and
- learn non-violent ways of communicating.

To locate a Partner Abuse Intervention Program call: 1-217-524-6034

We are dedicated to assisting Illinois residents to live free from domestic violence, promoting prevention and working in partnership with communities in advancing equality, dignity and respect for all.

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence happens in families or close relationships when one person tries to control the other person by:

- physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, choking, burning or shoving;
- verbal abuse such as name calling, yelling, blaming, insults;
- sexual abuse such as rape or attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching, unsafe sex or refusal to use birth control;
- emotional abuse such as isolation, intimidation, possessiveness, manipulation;
- property or economic abuse such as destroying property, hurting pets, taking money.

For more information:

Call or visit your Illinois Department of Human Services' Family Community Resource Center (FCRC).

If you have questions about any Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) program, call or visit your FCRC. We will answer your questions. If you do not know where your FCRC is or if you are unable to go there, you may call the automated helpline 24 hours a day at:

1-800-843-6154

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

You may speak to a representative between:
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday (except state holidays)

For answers to your questions, you may also write:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Bureau of Customer and Provider Assistance
100 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62762

Visit our web site at:

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